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SUBJ: REACTION TO US \$500 MILLION EMERGENCY AID PACKAGE

1. AT DUTCH AMB'S DINNER FEB 8 SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC AND EGYPTIAN GUESTS TOLD DCM THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY SPEED WITH WHICH USG HAD COME TO ASSISTANCE OF EGYPT IN WAKE OF JAN 18-19 RIOTS AND SADAT'S APPEAL FOR HELP, AND BY SIZE OF OUR AID PACKAGE. THEY SAID THAT AMERICAN \$500 MILLION EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WAS WIDELY AND FAVORABLY KNOWN AMONG EGYPTIAN POPULACE. AMONG THOSE VOICING THESE VIEWS WERE BULGARIAN AND EAST GERMAN AMBS (WHILE IMPRESSED WITH WHAT WE HAD DONE, THEY WERE NOT NOTICEABLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT), DUTCH AND FINNISH AMBS, AUSTRIAN COMM ATTACHE AND EGYPTIAN CONTRACTOR, PRIVATE BUSINESSMAN, RADIO REPORTER AND TRADE FAIR OFFICIAL. LATTER FOUR EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AND SAID OUR ACTION SHOULD SET EXAMPLE FOR RICH ARAB BRETHREN. DCM NOTED THAT EMERGENCY AID WAS ONE OF FIRST FOREIGN POLICY ACTIONS TAKEN BY NEW ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS, AND THAT PRES CARTER AND SEC VANCE HAD PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN RESPONDING TO SADAT'S REQUEST.

2. COMMENT: OTHER EMBASSY CONTACTS AGREE WITH OUR IMPRESSION THAT OUR \$500 MILLION AID PACKAGE HAS HAD EXCEPTIONALLY FAVORABLE
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ORABLE IMPACT BECAUSE OF ITS MAGNITUDE, ITS TIMELINESS, THE SPEED WITH WHICH IT WAS ARRANGED, AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT PRES CARTER AND SEC VANCE PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE DECISION. WE BELIEVE THAT AS A RESULT IT HAS PUBLICLY DEMONSTRATED VALUE OF SADAT'S TURN TO THE WEST. ONLY THOSE FEW EGYPTIANS HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT US AID PROCEDURES ARE AWARE THAT ONLY \$60 MILLION IS NEW MONEY. IT NOW BEHOOVES GOE AND OURSELVES TO

ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AND GOOD DELIVERED QUICKLY,
OR FAVORABLE IMPACT WILL BE DISSIPATED AND EGYPTIAN PUBLIC
WILL SADLY CONCLUDE THAT THIS IS JUST ANOTHER GOE SHELL-
GAME.
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